instructions contained in the Scheme for compassionate appointment promulgated under DOP&T OM No. 14014/6/94-Estt.(d) dated 9.10.98, dependent family member of a member of the Armed Forces who:—

(a) dies during service; or

(b) is killed in action; or

(c) is medically boarded out and is unfit for civil employment can be considered for appointment in Civil Service on compassionate grounds subject to a maximum of 5% vacancies falling under direct recruitment quota and also fulfilling the eligibility criteria for the post. These guidelines are also being followed in CISF.

(c) As per reports received from CISF, there is no such case of 2002-2003.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

(f) Not applicable.

Expansion in CISF

1558. SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Industrial Security Force is increasing its strength by more recruitment.

(b) if so, the details of the plan; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to review such a plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) There is no plan for increasing the total strength of CISF at present.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Complaints registered with NFRC from Karnataka

1559. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of complaints registered during 2001 -2002 and 2002-2003 with the National Human Rights Commission from Karnataka.

(b) how many complaints are still pending for disposal;

(c) the reasons for the pilling up of cases before the National Human Rights Commission; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to clear the cases expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) As reported by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), 703 complaints were received from the State of Karnataka during the year 2001 -2002 and 368 complaints have been received from 1.4.2002 to 31.10.2002.

(b) Out of 703 complaints received during 2001 -2002,403 complaints have been disposed of The remaining 200 complaints are pending disposal. Out of 368 complaints relating to 2002-2003,213 complaints have been disposed of and remaining 155 complaints are pending for disposal.

(c) While the number of complaints have gone up over a period of time, disposal of complaints has been affected for want of prompt and full response to the notices of the Commission by the concerned authorities. In some cases, the complaints themselves do not furnish the required informaiton sought by the Commission on time.

(d) The Commission has been pursuing with various State/Central Government authorities for the reports pending from them in all the cases expeditiously so that they are promptly processed and disposed of.

Talks with extremist groups in N.E.

1560. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have been trying to hold talks with the extremist groups in the States of the North-Eastern regions;

(b) whether any attempt has been made to enter into a dialogue with the leaders of the militant groups creating distrubances in Tripura;

(c) if so, the progress made so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?